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Expect a few more this winter, says meterologist

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Metro | Vancouver

A series of powerful storms hit southern B.C. this weekend, killing one person and putting almost 300,000 households out of power.

Winds in Metro Vancouver reached a maximum of 91 km/h on Friday, causing several trees in the region to fall. One tree fell on 15-year-old Shakir Salaam in Surrey, who later died in hospital.

BC Hydro restored power to more than 250,000 customers in the Lower Mainland and Sunshine Coast by Sunday morning. There were still 3,700 customers without power as of Sunday.

Meterologists had previously said the last storm of the series, which landed Saturday, was going to be the most powerful but many areas were not hit as hard as people anticipated. There are several reasons why that happened, said Environment Canada meteorologist David Jones.

"We got some pre-conditioning from the first storm and then for the (most recent) storm, the path was just slightly west than what we kind of expected so the winds were not quite as high, but significant nonetheless."

The pre-conditioning meant that trees already had weak limbs stripped by the first storm and crews were able to clean up and restore any fallen power lines before the second storm hit, said Jones. By the time Saturday's storm hit, the weakest trees had already fallen and couldn't cause more damage.

There are usually about half a dozen bad storms during the rainy season, according to Jones.

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Mayor 'committed' to finding solutions for young people

CODE RED HOUSING CRISIS

Robertson to meet with Generation Squeeze group

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Young people affected by Vancouver's housing crunch will get some face-to-face time with Mayor Gregor Robertson.

Robertson will meet Monday with Generation Squeeze founder Paul Kershaw and six young adults Monday to discuss the coalition's Code Red campaign highlighting how the affordability crisis is driving generational inequality in Vancouver and beyond.

"The purpose is really to hear directly from young people struggling in the housing crisis with affordability and piecing together what else the city can do to help," Robertson told Metro ahead of the talks. "We're totally committed to dealing with affordable housing, and the impacts are most dramatic on young people that are trying to find a place to live here."

Robertson believes the city's impending empty homes tax and regulation of Airbnb and other short-term rentals will soon free up some housing options for young people, but he knows more needs to be done.

The city is also aggressively pursuing building more rental housing on public land, advocating for more action from the provincial and federal governments and is on the hunt for pro-active "game changer ideas that get us out of the crisis," Robertson said.

Whether or not those ideas include Code Red recommendations remains to be seen.

The advocacy group's housing report, which is the subject of an ongoing weekly series in Metro, makes a number of recommendations that include taxing home wealth, imposing taxes on house flipping, rezoning single-detached home neighbourhoods and providing subsidies for expenses like child care and transit to ease the financial burden on strained young families.

Kershaw told Metro the talks in Vancouver will coincide with other Generation Squeeze roundtables with the mayors of Edmonton and Toronto on Monday.

"One (intention) is to debunk the idea that housing is only unaffordable in a few neighbourhoods in Vancouver proper and to show this is a massive regional crisis, it's a problem in B.C. and it's a challenge coast-to-coast across Canada," said Kershaw, a professor at the University of British Columbia's School of Population Health. "No matter where you go, housing prices are more than double what they were a generation ago. It's just that Vancouver is the epicentre of the greatest amount of insanity in terms of the housing squeeze."

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson is meeting with representatives from Generation Squeeze today to discuss the coalition's Code Red campaign on housing affordability for young people. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

He said the city has already adopted Code Red's principle premise, which is that the housing market should prioritize providing homes to people that need them over investments and profit.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Read more at gensqueeze.ca and let us know what you think at Vancouver@metronews.ca, commenting on this article on Facebook or tweeting us with the hashtag #CodeRed. You can also text JOIN to 604-337-0945 to get involved with the Code Red campaign.

For Robertson, Vancouver's current predicament represents a cruel reversal of fortunes for the city.

"I remember really clearly when it was the other way around and people talked about brain drain because of the economy. Lots of young people left Vancouver because there weren't enough jobs," he said.

"Now we've got the reverse problem of plenty of jobs but not enough affordable housing for young people. In less than a decade it's become very difficult for young people to own a home and rental is now in extremely short supply. It would be nice to find a balance there."

The city is currently in the midst of developing a revising housing plan, which Robertson hopes will help strike that balance.

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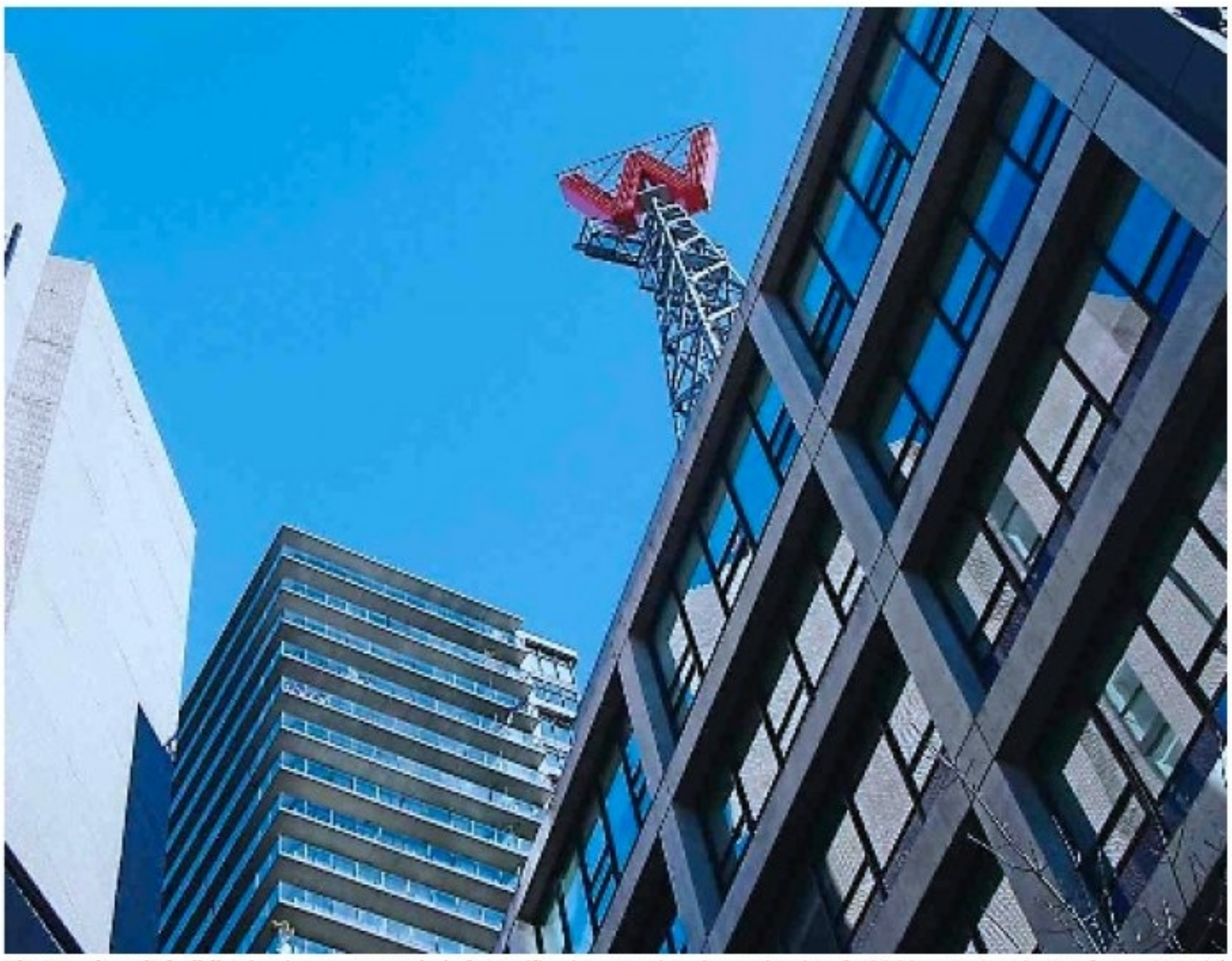

The Woodward's building has become a symbol of gentrification ever since it was the site of a 2002 protest and squat for more social housing in the Downtown Eastside. DAVID P. BALL/METRO FILE

'Rich entitled slobs'

JOBS

Craigslist ad for personal assistant draws criticism

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

A Vancouver Craigslist ad for a personal assistant has advocates and at least one professor shaking their heads about what is being asked for in the listing.

The person who posted the ad describes him or herself as part of a professional working couple living in Gastown's Woodward's building and asks for things like washing vegetables, keeping household products stocked, and packing lunches.

It's essentially an ad for a personal servant, said one UBC professor, who added she was not surprised to see it given the country's growing income inequality.

"They're not calling it a personal servant but that is what they're asking for," said Sylvia Fuller, who studies employment and inequality.

"Its not surprising that you start to see more of this kind of arrangement because there are people who can afford it and there are folks who don't have any other options."

The Craigslist ad was posted for at least eight days before it was flagged and taken down last week. Metro has not been able to contact the person who posted the ad.

People who are new to the labour market, like recent graduates and immigrants are often the most vulnerable when it comes to precarious employment, said Fuller. The ad language, including its claim that the job is an internship, indicates the couple is looking for a millennial to fill this job, she said. The problem is, there is nothing in the job description that indicates it would forward someone's career, she said.

> **They're not calling it a personal servant but that is what they're asking for.**
> Sylvia Fuller

"You're not really developing any particular skills in that job."

The ad even states, "If you're the type of person who likes super "creative" work, where you have a lot of variety in your day ... and deal with a lot of different types of complex challenges... then this probably is NOT right for you."

People have historically avoided this kind of work – personal servitude — if they have other options and for good reason, she said.

"If you're hidden in somebody's household, in this kind of job, typically you're not being paid particularly well but it is also easily subject to abuse and exploitation."

The ad also states the couple is looking for someone who, "doesn't take things personally, have feelings hurt easily or get offended at all."

But the ad has appeared to offend a lot of people online already.

Downtown Eastside advocate Wendy Pedersen calls the people behind the ad "rich entitled slobs with no life skills" and Vancouver writer Lindsay Brown describes them as "people who have PAs as well as a housekeeper and demand that you don't get ruffled if they have a tantrum."

Fuller is not surprised the ad has ruffled feathers but is also not surprised the ad was placed in Vancouver.

"Vancouver is one of the most unequal cities in Canada when we look at incomes — its not surprising that we would see examples of this here."

Income equality growing: Statistics Canada

Families who had the highest incomes (top 20 per cent) increased their average wealth by 80 per cent between 1999 and 2012 while families at the bottom of the income spectrum (bottom 20 per cent) only increased their average wealth by 38 per cent, according to Statistics Canada.

Meanwhile, precarious employment — temporary, freelance, and on-call work — has increased by 60 per cent since 1989. About one in every five workers in the Toronto area work in precarious employment, according to the most recent report by United Way and McMaster University.

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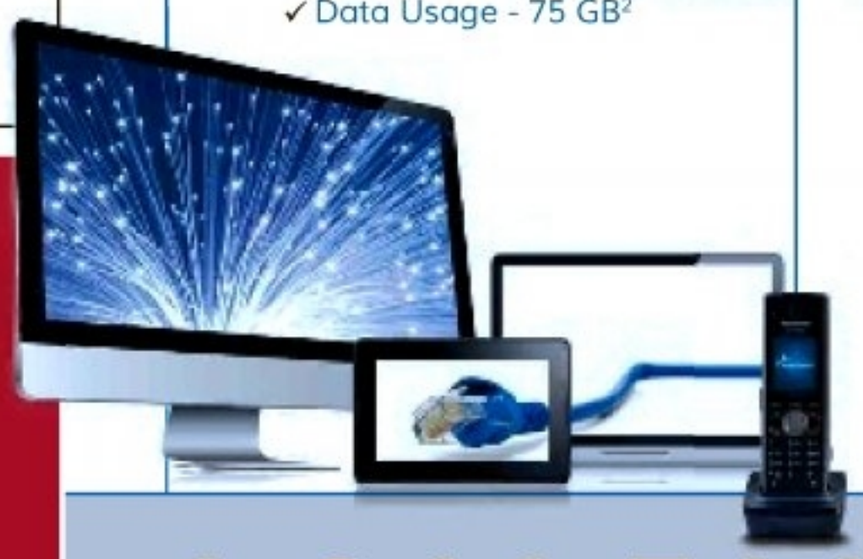

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Vendors flock to new market venue

DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE

Bazaar moves to Oppenheimer Park area from Pigeon Park

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

At the Downtown Eastside Street Market's new location at 501 Powell St. on Sunday, with volunteers, from left, Regina Daniels, co-ordinator Chris Ewart and vendors Damien McGinnis and David van der Meulen. DAVID P. BALL/METRO

Looking for a Batman colouring book, a VHS box set of the Godfather trilogy, kids' Spider-Man Halloween costumes, phone chargers or drill bits?

Look no further than the Downtown Eastside Street Market, a weekly fixture at Pigeon Park for the past decade that grew into a thriving community of low-income vendors.

This weekend, the bazaar officially re-launched at a new location further east — a permanent, enclosed lot at 501 Powell St. near Oppenheimer Park.

"It will take a little while for people to get used to the new location," said market manager Sarah Blyth in a phone interview. "But it's going to be great in the winter. Pigeon Park was so rainy to set up and take down."

The new location and gusty winds of the weekend didn't deter roughly 80 vendors from plying their wares under the maze of year-round tents in the fenced-in lot, which offers free Wi-Fi, vendor storage containers, and a makeshift coffee shop.

"I love this new spot," said one vendor, who asked not to be named, as he tried to sell Metro an assortment of packaged beefsteaks in a shopping bag. "I'll definitely make the trek over here, for sure."

> **Sure, I make a dollar or two here. But I like hanging out with these people. It's about the community, it's not about the money.**
> Damien van der Meulen

For Chris Ewart, one of the market's co-ordinators, said fears the vendors wouldn't make the trek to the new location offered by the city proved to be without merit.

"Everybody is really happy," she told Metro as she helped guide one vendor to the shipping container used as a locker. "We have more space now and everybody gets a tent and table.

"It's more protected for people here — there's one entrance and if somebody isn't doing the right thing, they can't come back in."

For the official opening of the location, organizers handed out more than 600 free donuts.

"They were so popular, we had to keep going out to get more," she said. "We cleaned out the nearest Tim Hortons!"

Regina Daniels, who's been involved in the street market from near its beginning a decade ago and the former women's market co-ordinator, was on site to help with end-of-day cleanup.

"It's better than the street and feel safer when we take things down because we don't have to worry about vehicles," she explained.

For market volunteer and vendor David van der Meulen, the market is an essential part of the neighbourhood.

"Sure, I make a dollar or two here," he told Metro. "But I like hanging out with these people.

"It's about the community, it's not about the money."

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City an arena for terror-bill battle

CIVIL LIBERTIES

Activist groups mobilize for hearings on spying, rights

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

Nearly a year after the federal Liberals swept to power in Ottawa — winning on a platform of reversing some of the Conservatives' most controversial reforms — a federal committee is in Vancouver to hear input on one of the issues that galvanized many voters here.

The House of Commons Standing Committee on National Security is set to hold two public hearings on Monday, listening to both experts and ordinary citizens.

During the election, Bill C-51 — the Tories' anti-terrorism bill — faced protests and opposition from organizations across the political spectrum. They argued it gave unchecked and sweeping powers to Canada's spying and surveillance agencies and risked placing protesters under the microscope.

"Many people (thought) there was an amendment to Bill C-51 to make sure that demonstrations, protest and dissent were not going to be embroiled in the surveillance bill," said Micheal Vonn, policy director with the B.C. Civil Liberties Association. "I'm sorry, but that's actually just wrong."

The election campaign pitted the Conservatives, who defended their reforms, against New Democrats, who vowed to repeal C-51 entirely, and the Liberals, who pledged to remove just the most contentious aspects.

"We need to ensure that our security and intelligence agencies are effective at keeping Canadians safe," said Public-Safety Minister Ralph Goodale at the committee's hearing on Oct. 6. "Simultaneously, we need to be equally effective at safeguarding our rights and freedoms and the open, inclusive, fair and democratic character of our country."

Goodale added that he hopes the consultations can "let Canadians have their say — and they've wanted to have their say for a long time."

Two days earlier, chair and Liberal MP Rob Oliphant insisted his committee was not trying to push through an agenda but rather to listen to feedback from across the country.

"This parliamentary committee is independent of government," Oliphant said at an Oct. 4 committee hearing in Ottawa. "We are in the very early stages of framing our study on the national-security framework of Canada and looking at how Canadians understand the need to balance national-security concerns with maintaining our civil and human rights."

Other groups were mobilizing their members to turn out to voice concerns.

"We need as many people as possible to attend these open-mic consultations," wrote Canadian Journalists for Free Expression in an email to members. "We know that Bill C-51 is reckless, dangerous and ineffective."

Vonn said her group welcomed the chance to provide input, adding she is set to testify at the committee's invitation on Monday. But she was not optimistic the federal government would heed what she called fundamental flaws in the bill, particularly the "extraordinary powers" granted to the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service, which she likened to a "secret police" force.

"I wish I were more hopeful … (but) they seem much keener on the notion of making a couple of tweaks," Vonn said.

TAKE PART

- On Monday, the House of Commons Standing Committee on National Security will hear experts' testimony from 2 to 4 p.m.
- Members of the public — who bring identification and register on-site — will address the committee from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Both events are at the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel (1190 West Hastings St.). People can also file submissions at parl.gc.ca/committees/en/secu.

> **It is the task of citizens who are concerned to let the government know they really want meaningful reform, not the optics of reform.**
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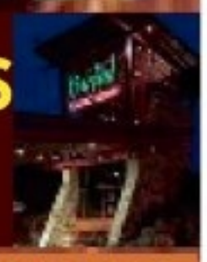

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Tenants' hands are still tied with fixed-term rent loophole

HOUSING

NDP leader urges province to speed up law changes

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

Cass Sclauzero was dismayed when her landlord hiked her rent by $200 this September, from $1,600 to $1,800.

That's a 12 per cent increase — far beyond the 2.9 per cent allowable by law. But it's all perfectly legal because, in the quest to secure a hard-to-find apartment in Vancouver, Sclauzero had reluctantly signed a fixed-term tenancy agreement that included a vacate clause.

Sclauzero, who comments on rental issues through the Twitter account @dearyvrlandlord, is now on a fixed-term lease that will convert to a month-to-month lease in September 2017, when she anticipates her rent to increase by 3.7 per cent, the new rent cap set for 2017.

This week NDP Leader John Horgan called for speedy legislation to fix what he called a loophole that allows landlords to hike rents beyond B.C.'s current yearly rent increase cap.

"If Christy Clark hadn't cancelled the fall sitting of the legislature, we could have closed that loophole today," Horgan said, adding the "loophole" was created when the BC Liberals changed the Residential Tenancy Act in 2002.

NDP Leader John Horgan is calling for speedy legislation to fix what he called a loophole that allows landlords to hike rents beyond B.C.'s current yearly rent increase cap. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

As Vancouver residents struggle with an extremely low vacancy rate, evictions, and rent rates that appear to have jumped around 20 per cent between 2015 and 2016, it's the only part of the Residential Tenancy Act that B.C.'s minister responsible for housing is looking at changing.

In mid-September, Rich Coleman told Metro that his ministry is looking at revamping the legislation because it appears that some landlords are "gaming…the system" by using fixed-term with a vacate clause to increase rents beyond the rent increase cap.

David Hutniak, CEO of LandlordBC, countered that tenants should be able to successfully fight such a rent increase through the Residential Tenancy Board, because without a return of keys, final inspection and changing of locks, a tenancy doesn't end.

But a fixed-term agreement with a vacate clause does effectively end the tenancy — and the landlord has every legal right to raise the rent, said Lisa Mackie, a lawyer with Alexander Holburn Beaudoin and Lang who specializes in residential tenancy law.

"When you have a fixed-term tenancy agreement that requires a tenant to move out at the end of the term, the contract comes to an end at that point and the landlord is at liberty to present the tenant with a new contract with new terms," Mackie said.

If Christy Clark hadn't cancelled the fall sitting of the legislature, we could have closed that loophole today. John Horgan

"Technically from day one the tenant is guaranteed occupancy for a fixed length of time, and is essentially delivered an eviction notice on day one in the form of, this is when you must leave the rental unit at the end of the fixed term."

A tenant might be able to successfully argue the tenancy had become a month-to-month tenancy only if the landlord establishes a pattern of only changing the contract to raise the rent, and the tenant would likely need to show more than one instance of that behaviour, Mackie said.

"A tenant might have a greater shot at arguing they're not in a fixed-term lease, they're in a month-to-month lease, but it all depends on the facts and the evidence between the parties," she said.

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Squamish Fire Chief Bill Stoner addresses a group of emergency personnel during a mock evacuation on Saturday. CONTRIBUTED

SPILL

Sunken tug cleanup continues

Cleanup crews are focused on containing a diesel spill on the waters off the coast of British Columbia's Great Bear Rainforest since fuel recovery from the sunken tug won't begin until Monday.

A report released Saturday by the federal and provincial governments, local First Nations and the tug company says the vessel that has two leaking fuel tanks remains in a stable position in the remote region that can only be reached by airplane or boat.

The report says initial attempts to contain the leaking fuel appear to be effective and a second boom has been installed around the site to help control the spread.

The tug was loaded with 226,875 litres of diesel and only 25,000 litres have been pumped out.

The tug is about nine metres under water with only its mast visible.

Crews are developing a plan to get to the remaining fuel in the tug, and expect to begin pumping it out into a safe container on Monday.

Assessment crews flying over the area noted a light sheen along the shore of the Seaforth Channel, but those sections of the spill have been deemed unrecoverable.

The area's Heiltsuk Nation are working with a wildlife assessment team to determine the impact of the spill on the shoreline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Suspect charged in death of woman

A suspect has been charged in the death of a 28-year-old woman outside Vancouver's Caprice nightclub in August.

VPD spokesperson Sgt. Brian Montague told media that 29-year-old Samantha Nadine Doolan was taken into custody on Friday and charged with manslaughter.

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Evac system put to test

DISASTER

600 residents underwent an emergency drill Saturday

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

Fears that the storm battering the coast might become an actual emergency didn't deter disaster planners from staging a mock evacuation north of Vancouver on Saturday. The earthquake and flood simulation — which involved 10 agencies, 75 emergency personnel, and 600 residents — tested out the ePACT communications tool used to relay emergency messages to many people and coordinate disaster responders.

"Nobody was forced to leave their house," said Christine Moore, CEO of ePACT Network Ltd. in a phone interview. "But they went door to door and gave residents information about what would happen if there were a flood or earthquake."

Planned long in advance of the storm that battered the coast with 91 km/h winds throughout the weekend, Moore said those participating in the Squamish-area exercise weren't deterred by inclement weather.

"There was debate on whether the drill was going to turn into a real emergency situation," Christine Moore said in a phone interview. "But luckily it didn't!"

The ePACT system can help coordinate "emergency processes" between many organizations, she said — which in Saturday's case included the RCMP, Red Cross, Whistler, Squamish Nation, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, and the District of Squamish. The mayor of that district said the drill was a success, and demonstrated the importance of coordinating between agencies, and between municipal governments and First Nations.

Six hundred residents got a knock at the door during the drill in the Brackendale neighbourhood as well as Cheakamus Reserve.

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Execution trailer 'serves its purpose'

Leroy Kirkegard, the warden of Montana State Prison, exits the executioner's entrance in the rundown trailer that serves as the state's execution chamber. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONTANA

Canada's Ronald Smith one of two on death row

Inside a rusted beige trailer with a broken outside window that serves as the execution chamber at Montana State Prison, the clock on the wall always reads 12:01.

Three prisoners have been put to death there since Montana adopted lethal injection in 1995 and two prisoners, including Canada's Ronald Smith, remain on death row.

There is a stay on executions in Montana stemming from an American Civil Liberties Union challenge on behalf of Smith and the other prisoner. It could be years — or never — before another execution takes place.

Warden Leroy Kirkegard is hopeful he won't have to oversee any executions before he leaves the job.

"You have to understand I would fulfil the mission. I would fulfil my responsibilities if called upon, but it is kind of a sense of relief that I'm not going to have to do that," said Kirkegard, 57, as he took The Canadian Press on a tour of the death chamber.

"This is just an old trailer from the 1960s that they converted for this use. It serves its purpose," he added.

"It just sits empty. You can see from the collection of flies on the floor and we're using it for some storage."

Between 1863 and 1943 there were 71 people who died at the end of a rope. The next execution didn't happen for 52 years. The last execution was in 2006 after David Dawson White gave up on all of his appeals.

Smith, who is originally from Red Deer, Alta., remembers when White made his decision.

"Dave and I had become quite good friends so that was a little harder to take," Smith said.

"He just said yeah, I'm done. He was the same age as I was and everything was falling apart on him including his health, and he said I have no interest in being here anymore and he just stopped his appeals."

The entrance to the hidden room is meant to keep the executioner's identity a secret. A table and chair are the only furniture. The fluorescent lights are painted a dark red.

Kirkegard, a U.S. air force veteran who spent 20 years in the corrections system in Las Vegas, said there is an extensive manual dealing with executions.

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Tough task in fatal plane-crash probe

TRANSPORTATION

Former Alberta premier killed when Cessna came down

An aviation expert says determining what caused a fatal plane crash near Kelowna, B.C., will be especially difficult because the aircraft didn't have flight recording devices.

Investigators will be working with very limited information as they probe why a small Cessna jet crashed shortly after takeoff late Thursday, said Jurek Sasiadek, a professor of aerospace engineering at Carleton University in Ottawa.

Former Alberta premier Jim Prentice was among the four people on board the plane who were killed.

The Transportation Safety Board has said the plane disappeared from radar shortly after it took off and no emergency calls or signals were made before the crash.

The aircraft, which was built in 1974, was completely destroyed and there was a fire after the crash.

That will make investigators' jobs increasingly tough, Sasiadek said, because it appears there aren't any large pieces of the plane left to look at for clues.

"In this case, there was no communication, there's no black box to rely on and the aircraft disintegrated almost completely," he said. "So it will take a long time to figure out, I guess, what happened, if it's ever possible."

Cockpit voice recorders and flight data recorders, also known as black boxes, collect all of the details of a flight, Sasiadek explained.

"For example, if the engine fails, there will be information that the power failed, so that's how you can learn during the investigation," he said.

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An engine nacelle, part of the wreckage of a Cessna Citation that crashed near Lake Country, B.C. The aircraft crashed shortly after takeoff, killing everyone aboard, including former Alberta premier Jim Prentice, inset. TSB/THE CANADIAN PRESS

POLITICS

A year later, Liberals still busy consulting

Justin Trudeau's Liberals swept to power last October with a promise of a more open government that better reflects the values and expectations of Canadians.

A year later, they're getting credit for a willingness to listen. But it's too early to tell whether that is resulting in decisions and policies the public truly wants.

The Liberals have launched a flurry of consultations on matters big and small. At last count, there were 84 consultations accepting online comments about everything from food additives and species at risk to a national housing strategy and security policy.

Townhall meetings on electoral reform have taken place across the country, and a special task force is gathering views on a legalized marijuana regime.

The Liberals say they're fulfilling the pledge to include Canadians in decision-making through several means, including discussion papers, surveys, online portals for written submissions, public meetings, regional and national roundtables, social media, teleconferences and webinars.

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IN BRIEF

Don't be cavalier about caviar, authorities urge

With eggs for caviar that can make one fish worth as much as a Ferrari, authorities are stepping up efforts to eliminate poaching of a threatened Great Lakes species: the sturgeon. The unfertilized roe is illicitly harvested and sold on the international black market.

"One big sturgeon could be worth almost $200,000," said Marc Gaden of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission in Ann Arbor, Mich. "If you see something suspicious, say something. If you see caviar sold in a store and it doesn't seem right, say something."

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‘Disturbing’ attack on political office

U.S. ELECTION

Fire and graffiti at Republican Party centre in North Carolina

A Republican Party office in North Carolina was damaged by fire and someone spray-painted an anti-GOP slogan referring to “Nazi Republicans” on a nearby wall, authorities said Sunday.

A news release from the town of Hillsborough said someone threw a bottle filled with flammable liquid through the window of the Orange County Republican Party headquarters overnight. The substance ignited and damaged furniture and the interior before burning out.

The news release says an adjacent building was spray-painted with the words: “Nazi Republicans leave town or else.”

State GOP director Dallas Woodhouse said no one was injured, but a security alert is being sent to party offices around the state.

Someone threw flammable liquid through the window of the Orange County Republican Headquarters in Hillsborough, N.C., on Sunday, authorities said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On Sunday afternoon, the walls of the multi-room office were covered in black char, and a couch against one wall had been burned down to its springs. Shattered glass covered the floor, and melted campaign yard signs showed warped lettering. The graffiti had been covered in paint by late afternoon.

Another business owner discovered the damage Sunday morning. Local police are investigating alongside the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Woodhouse said that people sometimes work after-hours, and he felt lucky that no one was there at the time.

“They are working around the clock. It is a miracle that nobody was killed,” he said in a phone interview.

Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee for president, tweeted: “The attack on the Orange County HQ @NCGOP office is horrific and unacceptable. Very grateful that everyone is safe”.

Tom Stevens, the mayor of the town about 40 miles northwest of Raleigh, condemned the act in a statement.

“This highly disturbing act goes far beyond vandalizing property; it wilfully threatens our community’s safety via fire, and its hateful message undermines decency, respect and integrity in civic participation,” Stevens, a Democrat, said in a news release. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED STATES

Olympic sprinter’s daughter fatally shot

The 15-year-old daughter of Olympic sprinter Tyson Gay was fatally shot in the neck, authorities and the athlete’s agent said Sunday, and police have arrested a man in connection with the shooting.

Trinity Gay died at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, the coroner’s office for Fayette County said in a statement. The athlete’s agent, Mark Wetmore, confirmed in a text message to The Associated Press that Gay’s daughter had died.

Police on Sunday evening announced that Dvonta Middlebrooks, 21, was arrested and charged with wanton endangerment and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. A statement said investigators determined that Middlebrooks was in the parking lot and fired multiple shots at the time of the incident. Another man questioned by police has not been charged. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Iraqi PM signals start of operations to drive Daesh from Mosul

Iraqi state television says Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi has announced the start of operations to liberate the northern city of Mosul from Daesh militants. The push to retake Mosul will be the biggest military operation in Iraq since American troops left in 2011 and, if successful, the strongest blow yet to Daesh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dozens evacuated from Sweden refugee centre

Swedish officials say they have evacuated about 40 people from a refugee centre in southern Stockholm after a fire engulfed the building. Kurt Jansson, who headed the fire operations, said the alarm came in the early hours of Sunday, adding that police were investigating the incident as possible arson. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Shopping for food changing

RETAIL

Grocery conference offers a peek at the future

The way Canadians pay for groceries is poised to reshape bricks-and-mortar stores, according to research to be presented at this week's Grocery Innovations Canada conference.

"There's been this huge shift, as consumers are starting to put away cash and start using more digital products," said Avinash Chidambaram, vice-president, product and platform development at Interac. Chidambaram is one of the speakers at the conference, which takes place Oct. 17 to 18 at the Toronto Congress Centre. About 4,000 people from the industry are expected to attend.

Research shows that shoppers who are heavy users of contactless cards are also becoming heavy users of mobile devices for payment, according to Chidambaram.

"We had anticipated it would be a slow transition to contactless, but the rate at which this is transitioning is 163 per cent" annually, he said.

The move to digital payment means grocers could replace some check-out lanes with shelves of merchandise. GETTY IMAGES

The move to digital payment is not only a convenience for shoppers, it streamlines the check-out process, which means grocers could replace some check-out lanes with shelves of merchandise, increasing their selling space.

The transition away from money will also provide grocers with financial savings, because processing dollar bills and coins itself costs money.

"Cash is expensive," said Chidambaram. "You have to get guys with armoured trucks to come and pick up big bundles of cash, and the bigger the bundle the more expensive it is, because it's more risk. You have to deposit it into a financial institution, which costs money."

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IN BRIEF

Mortgage brokers see rush to beat new rules

Canadian mortgage brokers say they're seeing a flurry of borrowers trying to pre-empt new federal rules that will reduce the purchasing power of some first-time homebuyers. Beginning Monday, all insured mortgage applications will be subject to a stress test to ensure the borrower will still be able to service their loan if their situation changes or interest rates rise. Previously, stress tests were not required for fixed-rate mortgages longer than five years.

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THE QUESTION

My co-worker is falsifying her hours, and her manager isn't stopping it. How do I inform the owner of the company without undermining anyone?

But, why do you care so much about what other people are doing?
I have no idea... Maybe I don't find my own life to be all that interesting!
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Dear Ellen,

For the past few months, a co-worker has been caught stealing hours on her punch card. It's become so frequent every employee in our office has noticed it at some point. It's been brought to my manager's attention, who said she spoke to her but it's still happening. Our boss is a very good man who pays us well, and is constantly investing in us. I've been his employee for many years and feel I owe him 100 per cent honesty. How do I bring this to his attention without over-stepping my manager?

Confused

Dear Confused,

One reason you may be confused is because your question doesn't make sense. What you're asking is: "How do I overstep my manager without overstepping my manager?" You can't. It's a logical impossibility.

The real question is: "Should I overstep my manager and report a dishonest employee to my boss?"

In terms of etiquette, no worker should ever feel obligated to tattle on the bad behaviour of another worker. The only exception to this rule is if safety is an issue. So, yes, if your co-worker at the dynamite factory insists on lighting scented candles on the shop floor, then please do report them ASAP.

Otherwise, step lightly. You may not have all the facts. It's possible the punch-card thief is a vile, lazy troublemaker who takes advantage of good people like your boss and who thinks the rest of you are a bunch of idiot cowards for not reporting her.

But it's also possible she's taking work home at night, or has a debilitating brain condition that makes her forget how many times she punched her card that day, or is desperately raising funds toward a holiday spent rescuing orphaned refugees from the depredations of child abusers on the other side of the world. Not that any of those reasons makes cheating the time clock a particularly good idea. But it's always a very bad idea to leap to judgment before one has all the facts.

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It's even possible your boss knows exactly what's going on, but has decided to deal with it in their own way — either by ignoring it, or building up a case before firing the person.

Meanwhile, your manager is aware of the situation, and it is now their responsibility, not yours, to deal with it, or not. If the situation is so demoralizing that it's hampering the productivity of you and other workers, you may, in good conscience, approach your manager and relate your concerns. You can even raise the issue of how important you think it is for the boss to be informed — by said manager. But it would be counterproductive to undermine your manager's authority by going above their head and talking to the boss yourself.

I'm sure the situation is irritating as all get out. But it's also a good opportunity to practise what I preach: hoe your own row, and stop worrying about what other people are doing.

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To demand justice or make ends meet?

Heather Mallick

What's really behind the success of Airbnb? Those stories about TV remotes being the filthiest object in hotel rooms? Squalid residue on hotel bathroom glassware and grimy fabrics where dodgy people once sat naked?

No, that's not it. Face it, you know nothing about the personal hygiene of Airbnb hosts renting out spare rooms. But Airbnb is succeeding for deeper global reasons.

Airbnb has told us it was basically begging cities to set rules for troublesome "professional renters." The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers has said it believed in man-made climate change. And Uber sounded fairly reasonable.

But Airbnb's executives spoke persuasively about their ideal hosts. They pointed out that if you don't have an extra bedroom for visiting family members, lengthy hotel stays are expensive. Airbnb solves that, especially in suburbs where there are fewer hotels. I see Airbnb as risky for lone female travellers but on trips where a corporation isn't picking up the tab, it's at least affordable.

The problem is what citizens are being urged to further accept. Disruption and the "sharing economy" help us worship the God of Cheap with even greater fervour. They cut costs for people frightened about their economic future. Our worship is no longer voluntary, but mandated. People are feeling poor. They are in fact poorer, and crucially, more isolated than they used to be.

All the services being ubered now — grocery delivery, car shares, task bidding, one-table home restaurants – are disrupting many industries while pushing them to improve. But will they?

Digitization offers speed and scale, but sharing platforms use it to place risk on the provider and the buyer. The digital intermediary risks nothing.

In a world of income inequality, inflated housing prices, precarious work and higher education as an entry badge, people are struggling.

The so-called "sharing economy" is cheaper. What worries me is that people will cut spending in thousands of small ways. Yes, paying a pensionless Airbnb host helps her keep her home and "age in place," and an Uber ride helps an underemployed person pay his rent. But what about hotel employees and cabbies?

These are tiny money-saving Band-aids. Do citizens have the time to do what would make their lives better: rally, unionize, write to MPs, vote?

What a cheese-paring existence is offered to citizens who become one-person factories briefly renting out their own homes, cars and time for cash wiggle room. It's fine in the short term but a problem in the long term.

I want to be a citizen, not a tiny failing business with income so risible that it doesn't even have to charge HST. I want regular work. I want to pay taxes, the price of life, in a safe, prosperous organized nation.

As Canada's prime minister said at the time of Brexit, we are stronger together. Alone, we await our fate.

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Intruder outside mansion of supermodel Miranda Kerr shot by a security guard

Sam Maggs says researching her book was fun because she got to "geek out" over clarifying false information spread online. CONTRIBUTED

Tales of the women who changed history

INTERVIEW

Injustices outlined with 'Tumblr culture' sass

Kris Abel
For Metro Canada

In Wonder Women, Sam Maggs goes beyond a journey through history's overlooked and influential women of science and technology to address an issue that is very much here and now: the need she sees for representation.

"You just don't see as many women getting into those fields and I think that's really because of a lack of role models," she explains. "Knowing that lots of women have succeeded in the past at these things and continue to succeed at them and that's sort of a viable opportunity — I think it's really important to put that out there. "

Her book profiles 25 women across science, medicine, technology, adventure, and even espionage using a mix of stealthy textbook education and sassy, web humour.

"I kind of come from Tumblr culture," Maggs says of her playful asides and millennial references.

"It's so easy to be mad when you read these injustices; so easy to just default and get angry.You know, if you don't laugh, you cry.

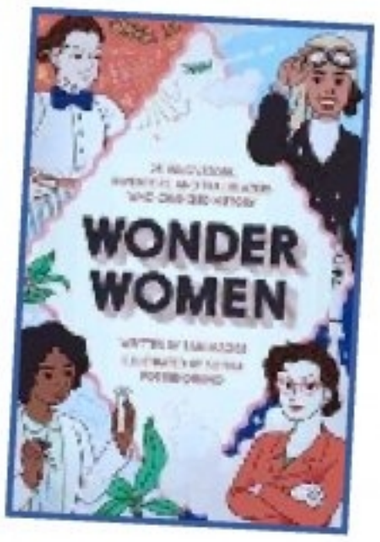
"So being able to approach it from a humorous point of view still points out all the horrible things, but makes it a little more approachable."

You'll find the accomplishments of notable innovators like Ada Lovelace, a 19th century computer programmer, and discover lesser known heroines like spy Mary Bowser who benefits from the kind of research a book offers compared to the internet.

"I learned that Wikipedia is full of lies, basically," says Maggs on her research.

"Mary Bowser was a spy in the Confederate White House because nobody thought that slaves could read, but she was actually highly educated.

"Her Wikipedia entry is full of half-truths and falsehoods, and digging back into the primary sources and finding out where some of those things came from or which ones were totally fabricated, that was really fun and I kind of geek out over that."



Although the book covers a diverse range of life stories including those of queer women and women colour, one special pattern emerges.

"Female friendship," says Maggs, "throughout time, women supporting women is what has enabled women to become successful in these fields. A lot of the time today we're sort of conditioned to feel like there can be only one lady scientist or whatever, because there's only one represented in our textbooks, so we feel this innate sense of competition ground into us. But with these stories we see that women supporting other women and female friendships are what enables you to be successful."

Wonder Women is available now in print and as an eBook by Penguin Canada.

"Mary Bowser was a spy in the Confederate White House because nobody thought that slaves could read, but she was actually highly educated. Her Wikipedia is full of half-truths and falsehoods.
Author Sam Maggs

MONEY MATTERS

Couples need financial independence

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

I meet people all the time who want to beat me up because I advocate financial independence for individuals in a long-term relationship.

"Come on, Gail, marriage means you have to be a team."

"Yeah, it's about trust."

"Just because you've been divorced three times doesn't mean we're all headed that way."

Y'know what? They're all right. Every one of them has a point. But nothing they've said has changed my mind. I believe with all my heart that to be strong as a couple, you each have to be capable of standing on your own two feet.

You have to be an island. Then be a peninsula.

Being on the same team means you're going to set your goals together and help each other meet them.

If one of those goals is to have a family, then together you have to decide how you will provide care and money to take care of that family. If one of you decides to stay home, that doesn't mean the money-maker gets to make all the decisions about how the money gets spent or abdicate home-care responsibilities. But so often, that's exactly what happens.

It also often happens that the non-working partner ties themselves financially to their mate. They share a bank account; there are no individual accounts. They share credit. One may even give up his or her financial identity completely. Hey, I've seen it, and it isn't healthy.

I'm not saying your relationship is sure to be a bust. I am saying that to be good for each other and strong together, you each need to take care of the money — individually and as a team — and you each need to be independent. You won't both always want the same thing at the same time.

If one person has more power in the family — financial or otherwise — the other's needs may be swept aside. That's not good for long-term contentment. If you truly love your mate, what's important to him or her has to be at least a little important to you.

You must each be clear about what you need, want, and expect from your relationship. And it can't just be clear in one person's mind. You have to talk about it, negotiate the grey areas, come to a happy place where you're each getting some of what you want.

Being an island isn't so bad, y'know. It is scary for some people. That idea of independence makes some people want to hide behind words like love, trust, honour and team.

But independence doesn't negate any of those things. It enhances them, because every day you're choosing to be together, not defaulting to togetherness because you're trapped.

Once you see yourself as independent, you can talk about how you enrich each other's lives. You'll talk about what you'll do to make sure you have each other's backs. And you'll listen to each other, because "together" isn't the default. It's what you get by acting like a team. Yup, now you're a peninsula.

Gail Vaz-Oxlade says that to be a strong couple, each person needs to financially be able to stand on their own two feet. ISTOCK

YOU CAN DO THIS AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN

'It gives me a sense of pride'

WHY I LIKE MY JOB

Steven Nguyen, 29, Automotive Service Technician at Motor Workshop Inc. in Toronto, Ont.

A lot of people ask me what I enjoy most about my job, and my response has always been the same: I love what I do, plain and simple. If someone has a problem with their car, it's my job to fix it.

I was introduced to the automotive industry when I purchased my first vehicle in 2008. I always had a passion for cars but I didn't really understand the mechanics of repairing or caring for them. I had a few friends who were into modifying cars, so I started working on a few DIY projects and became increasingly interested in automotive services.

My uncle also owned a car shop, so I shadowed him for a while and never looked back.

I was able to pursue my diploma in automobile/automotive mechanics technology while also working as a part-time apprentice to help pay for school.

Today, a typical shift can consist of many things — from something as simple as an oil change to something as complex as an engine overhaul. I love how appreciative my customers are when I am able to diagnose and resolve an issue before they even leave the shop. It gives me a sense of pride and purpose to keep my customers moving safely on the roads.

THE BASICS: Automotive service technician

$49,807

Median salary for post-apprentice technicians. Experienced service managers, heavy duty mechanics and heavy equipment technicians can expect to earn upwards of $80,000 annually.

+8%

Projected rate of job growth over the next eight years.

Data for this feature was provided by payscale.com, trade-schools.ca, centennialcollege.ca and onetonline.org.

HOW TO START

Aspiring technicians may enrol in a pre-apprenticeship program or register for an apprenticeship with a willing employer. Becoming a licensed journeyperson typically requires four years of classroom and hands-on training in various components including engine systems, fuel technology, emissions, safe work practices, and steering/brake/suspension systems. Training requirements vary across each province.

WHERE YOU CAN GO

The automotive sector is currently hiring skilled workers in vehicle dealerships, garages, service stations, auto parts manufacturers and companies specializing in the transportation of goods. Employers generally seek professionals trained in vehicle inspections, routine maintenance and inventory management. Apprentices and trade school graduates may also hit the road in auto sales, customer/roadside service or body repair estimation and insurance.

NEXT CAREER STEP

Specialized career paths include maintaining high-performance/heavy duty vehicles, repairing and installing engines and transmissions, or servicing specific vehicles from various regions of the world. Workers in this trade will also need to keep current in technological advances, such as electronic computer systems.

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Get high on anthology TV

In Episode 3 of High Maintenance, a dog named Gatsby falls in love with his walker, Beth (Yael Stone). CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: High Maintenance, Season 1, Episode 3
THE MOMENT: The puppy love

Gatsby (an adorable floppy mutt) has fallen madly in love with his walker, Beth (Yael Stone).

He stands with his paws on the windowsill, watching for her to come back.

He lunges at anyone who touches her, and nudges her jealously when she's on the phone.

Gatsby feels some loyalty to his owner, Chase (Ryan Woodle) — when Chase is sad, Gatsby comforts him.

But his furry heart belongs to Beth.

After Beth smokes dope in Chase's house and he fires her, Gatsby falls into a funk. Eventually he runs away and is adopted by a dumpster diver.

But fate reunites him with Beth one last time.

Yes, you're reading this right — this entire episode is told from a dog's point of view.

Created by husband-and-wife writers Ben Sinclair and Katja Blichfeld, originally released as a web series, and now expanded by HBO, High Maintenance is part of a growing trend in anthology TV, where shows feature different characters each week. (See also: Easy, Black Mirror, American Crime, American Horror Story.)

"Anthology series feel super-cool because they're all about the freedom of creation

It revolves around a weed dealer known only as The Guy (Sinclair), and the endless variety of New Yorkers who buy his wares.

Anthology series feel super-cool, because they're all about the freedom of creation, the pleasures of texture and detail.

As long as the vibe is compelling, the characters can be anyone and do anything.

But even in an audacious format, a dog's-eye episode is an extreme example. Still, when Gatsby takes his last look at Beth, I dare you not to be moved.

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POLITICS

Trump unimpressed by Baldwin's SNL act

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump called for Saturday Night Live to be cancelled after it made fun of him again this weekend.

The morning after the sketch comedy show mocked him in its opening segment, the GOP candidate tweeted that actor Alec Baldwin's impression of him "stinks," calling it a "hit job."

"Time to retire the boring and unfunny show," Trump said.

Later in the same tweet, Trump said the media was rigging the election — a constant refrain for the businessman turned presidential nominee as more and more scandals have unfolded around his campaign in recent weeks. Trump himself hosted SNL just under a year ago.

SNL has been consistently making fun of Trump, Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and this particular election since its new season began three weeks ago.

On Saturday night, the opening segment poked fun at the second presidential debate. Baldwin, portraying Trump, loomed over Kate McKinnon's Clinton with the Jaws theme playing in the background — a reference to Trump's apparent hovering behind Clinton during the debate.

Alec Baldwin has been playing Donald Trump on SNL. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Everyone's favourite town hall participant Ken Bone (played by SNL cast member Bobby Moynihan) was there to bust a few moves in his signature red sweater.

Baldwin's portrayal of Donald Trump has received stellar reviews on social media, and Saturday night was no exception, with many on Twitter talking up the sketches.

Many more cracked jokes about Trump's response to the segment, questioning why the presidential candidate would fire back in response to satire.

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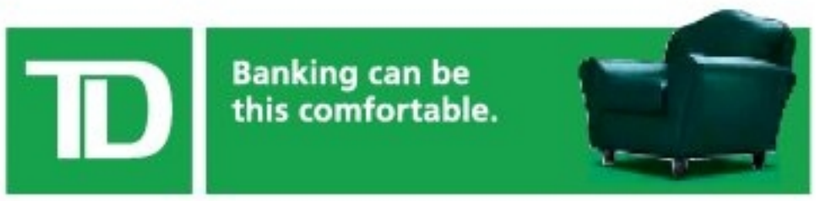

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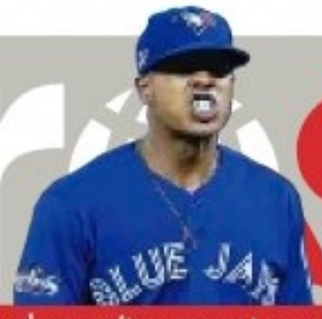

"I'll be locked in regardless": Marcus Stroman doesn't expect any negative side-effect to pitching on 13 days' rest for Game 3 of the ALCS

YOU SHALL NOT PASS LACK LAYS IT ALL ON THE LINE Hurricanes goalie Eddie Lack makes a save on the Canucks' Alex Burrows on Sunday night a Rogers Arena. The Canucks won 4-3 in overtime. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clutch Kershaw has Dodgers back level

NLCS

Leftie takes command and mows down Cubs batters

Clayton Kershaw was dominant Sunday. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

So much for October closer. With his Dodgers desperate for a win, Clayton Kershaw delivered the most dominant start of his checkered playoff career.

The ace left-hander pitched seven sparkling innings, Adrian Gonzalez homered and Los Angeles beat the Chicago Cubs 1-0 Sunday night to tie the NL Championship Series at a game apiece.

Kershaw retired his first 14 batters and allowed just two hits in first outing since he pitched three times in the NL Division Series, including a two-out save in Game 5 on Thursday night in Washington. The three-time NL Cy Young Award winner struck out six and walked one while throwing just 84 pitches in a brisk outing that could help when he returns later in the NLCS.

The Dodgers needed a clutch pitching performance after their heartbreaking 8-4 loss in the series opener. And Kershaw responded with a post-season gem that continued his reputation repair after a handful of playoff duds over the years. He was just 3-6 with a 4.79 ERA in 16 career post-season games coming into the series.

Kenley Jansen struck out four in two perfect innings for his third save of the playoffs.

Game 3 is Tuesday night in Los Angeles. Cubs right-hander Jake Arrieta, who pitched a no-hitter at Dodger Stadium last August, faces left-hander Rich Hill, who worked a total of seven innings in two starts in the Division Series against the Nationals.

The Cubs lost a 1-0 game in the post-season for the first time since Babe Ruth and the Boston Red Sox blanked them in the 1918 World Series opener.

Chicago, trying for its first pennant in 71 years, wasted a solid start by major league ERA leader Kyle Hendricks, who pitched 5 1/3 innings of three-hit ball in his first outing since he left his Division Series start against San Francisco with a bruised right forearm.

Hendricks' only mistake was a second-inning fastball that Gonzalez drove over the wall in left-centre for his second homer of the playoffs. Gonzalez also had a tying two-run single in the eighth inning of the series opener, but Miguel Montero's pinch-hit grand slam was the big blow in a dramatic win for Chicago.

A day later, the Cubs couldn't get anything going against Kershaw.

Slumping slugger Anthony Rizzo just missed a home run with a foul drive in the fourth, and then bounced out. Javier Baez and Willson Contreras hit consecutive two-out singles in the fifth for Chicago's first baserunners, but Jason Heyward fouled out to third.

Nothing seemed to bother Kershaw on a muggy night at Wrigley Field. After catcher Yasmani Grandal dropped a foul popup in the seventh, Kershaw responded with a wry grin, and then struck out Ben Zobrist.

With two down and a runner on first, Baez drove Kershaw's final pitch to the warning track in centre, momentarily delighting the crowd of 42,384. But Joc Pederson was there for the catch.

Jansen backed Kershaw with flawless relief. The big right-hander struck out Dexter Fowler and Kris Bryant before Rizzo lined meekly to second for the final out.

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MLS

Tornaghi keeps it clean in Caps debut

Paolo Tornaghi had a clean sheet in his first MLS start and the Vancouver Whitecaps tied the San Jose Earthquakes 0-0 on Sunday in a game with no playoff implications.

Both teams had already seen their post-season hopes vanish. Vancouver (9-15-9) had its winless streak extended to four games and San Jose (8-11-14) has only won once in its last 10 games.

Tornaghi came out of his area to block Simon Dawkins' shot from the corner of the 6-yard box in the seventh minute. Cordell Cato tried to curl a shot inside the far post in the ninth minute but Tornaghi dove to deflect it wide.

Vancouver forward Masato Kudo won a loose ball in the penalty area in the 54th minute but David Bingham deflected the open shot. Bingham blocked Kudo's shot in the 56th and Kudo's rebound attempt hit the crossbar.

It was the sixth straight draw in the series at San Jose - with the last win coming on April 6, 2012.

Elsewhere Tosaint Ricketts scored in the 87th minute to give Toronto FC a 2-2 tie in rainy Montreal. Ignacio Piatti had scored twice for the Impact.

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NFL

Hauschka holds his nerve for Seahawks

Steven Hauschka's 44-yard field goal with 1:57 remaining capped the 20th career fourth quarter or overtime comeback for Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson, and the Seahawks pulled out a wild 26-24 win over the Atlanta Falcons.

After watching Matt Ryan blitz the Seahawks for 21 third-quarter points, it was Wilson's turn in the fourth quarter. He led a 70-yarddrive that was capped by Christine Michael's 1-yard run with 4:47 left, but a blocked extra point by Ra'Shede Hageman still had Seattle trailing 24-23.

Seattle then got a needed big play from its defence. Ryan's pass slipped through Julio Jones' hands, was tipped in the air by Richard Sherman and eventually landed in the arms of Earl Thomas, giving Seattle possession at midfield with 3:48 remaining. It was the first time in the game that Jones was targeted and didn't make the catch.

Seattle stalled at the Atlanta 26. This time Hauschka was perfect after missing a 29-yard attempt earlier in the fourth quarter, the result of a bad snap. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Harvick hangs on to win

Kevin Harvick won the NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Kansas Speedway on Sunday, going to the front on a late restart and outrunning Carl Edwards to lock up his spot in the next round of the Chase.

Harvick was among the fastest in the final qualifying session, and hung around the front all day while other contenders faltered. He was still at the front when Regan Smith brought out the final caution, and was able to keep Edwards at bay.

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Steele secures his first tour title in overfive years

Brendan Steele earned redemption at Silverado and won the Safeway Open for his first PGA Tour victory in more than five years.

Steele rallied from four shots behind in the rain Sunday and finished with three straight birdies for a 7-under 65, giving him a one-shot victory over a faltering Patton Kizzire.

A year ago at Silverado, Steele lost the 54-hole lead by shooting 40 on the back nine.

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RECIPE Roasted Cod Provencal

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Cooking cod in a flavourful tomato sauce guarantees moist and flaky fish every time.

Ready in 40 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 Tbsps olive oil
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 1 bulb of fennel, trimmed and thinly sliced (retain the fennel fronds for garnish)
- 1 red pepper, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 1/4 tsp dried thyme
- 1/4 tsp dried oregano
- 1 x 28 oz. can of tomatoes
- 1/3 cup black olived, pitted
- 4 filets of cod

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

2. In a large skillet, warm olive oil over medium heat. Toss in garlic, onions and fennel and sauté about five minutes until vegetables begin to soften. Add peppers and herbs and cook another three minutes.

3. Add tomatoes and olives. Use the back of a wooden spoon to break up tomatoes. Allow to simmer and thicken for about 10 minutes.

4. Pour the sauce into a baking dish. Lay the cod over the sauce and bake for 12 to 15 minutes, until fish is flaky. Sprinkle finely chopped fennel fronds over top.

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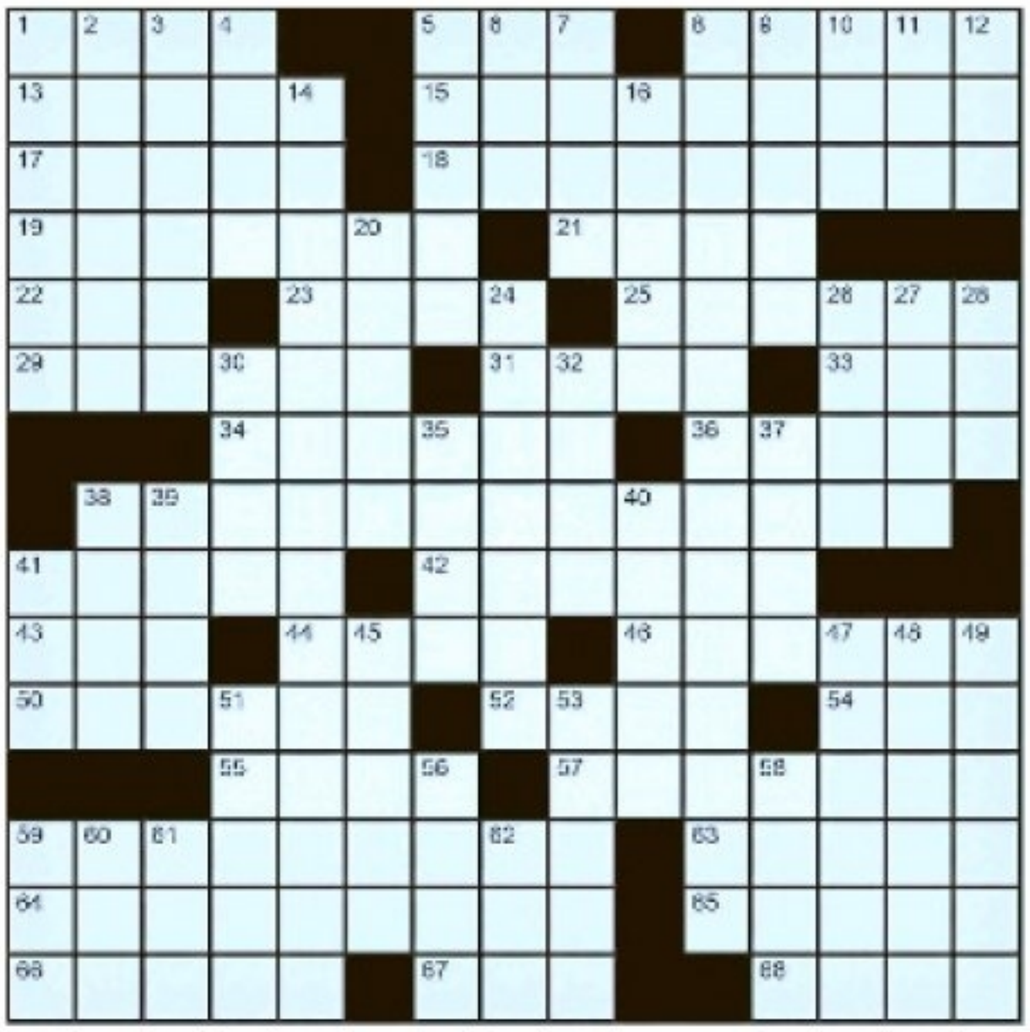

ACROSS
1. Does tailoring
5. Operative
8. Bowl game airship
13. Gordon _ (Detective Greg Medavoy on "NYPD Blue")
15. Performance's star
17. More healthy
18. De-crease
19. Most balmy
21. Let use for a time
22. Anti-war song by Metallica
23. Toll
25. Modifies
29. Begins to take effect: 2 wds.
31. Avatar of Vishnu
33. Tommy Jones connector
34. Calm, cool and collected
36. WWII threat in the North Atlantic
38. International equestrian show jumping facility in Calgary: 2 wds.
41. Kills a dragon
42. 1961 Bobby Lewis hit: "_' and Turnin'"
43. In-not
44. "Soak Up the Sun" singer Ms. Crow, to pals
46. When the stars begin to twinkle: 2 wds.
50. "Voila!"
52. Prefix to 'tary' (Alone)
54. Greek alphabet's 21st letter
55. Greedily takes
57. Lipsticks alternatives
59. Estranged
63. Carpentry claspers
64. First movie in which Pierce Brosnan starred as James Bond
65. Sashay
66. Bit of braiding
67. Butterfly logo co.
68. Discounted

DOWN
1. Doofuses
2. Julia's "Seinfeld" character
3. Credit cards holder
4. Quickened
5. Closes
6. BiC product
7. Two-masted boat
8. Stage in the competition on "The Voice" when the coaches are sitting in their red chairs facing the audience: 2 wds.
9. Ms. Evans of "Dynasty"
10. Stuff in a #6-Down
11. Funnyman Mr. Brooks
12. _-trial
14. In Canada, they might originate from the Ekati Diamond Mine in the Northwest Territories, for instance: 2 wds.
16. "_ On" by Aerosmith
20. _ boom
24. Quake's quivers
26. Farming implement
27. Elegant afternoon socials
28. Adjust
30. Agile
32. Tangy quaffs
35. Seven, in Portugal
37. Investment portfolio item
38. Disparage
39. Party platter's spreadable item
40. "_ _ of you are aware..." (Group meeting opening line)
41. Soak through
45. Wrestling star Hulk
47. Advantage
48. Sunflower seeds scraps
49. Hershey's _ (Chocolate treats)
51. Moults
53. Where The Osmonds hail in Utah
56. Peony part
58. Mast's marine material
59. Actor's representative, for short
60. 'Council' completer (Mayor's meeting attendee)
61. Suffix to 'Tact'
62. Prince Andrew and Fergie's youngest daughter ...her initials-sharers

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
All your communications with others are positive today. Furthermore, your ideas will be big because you are confident and enthusiastic. Way to go!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a good day for business and commerce, because whatever you initiate regarding your finances might bring you a profit. You also will enjoy shopping for big-ticket items.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky Jupiter. This promotes contentment, domestic peace and happiness. It's also a good day for business. Lucky you!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Solitude in beautiful surroundings will please you today, which is why you should seek out some time for privacy. You even might want to cocoon at home.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your relationship with others, especially with groups, clubs and organizations, will be upbeat and positive today. Everyone is happy to see your face!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a good day to talk to bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs about a project or a particular wish that you have. People will listen to your suggestions and probably approve of them.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a classic day to make big travel plans! Whatever you do, you know that you want to expand your horizons. It's a good day for school plans and anything to do with publishing and the media.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you are dividing something today or discussing an inheritance, all parties will be happy. There is a feeling of mutual generosity with everyone. (This is good.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a great day to talk to partners and close friends, because everyone is upbeat and happy. Furthermore, people are generous. Someone might even treat you to lunch.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Work-related travel is likely today. Meetings, classes and get-togethers with others will be positive and upbeat. It's a good day to ask for someone's assistance or help.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is an entertaining, fun-loving day, which is why you should make room for sports events, socializing and playful activities with children. Whatever you do — enjoy your day!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a good day for real-estate deals. It's also a good day to entertain at home. Invite the gang over for spaghetti and a bottle of vino!

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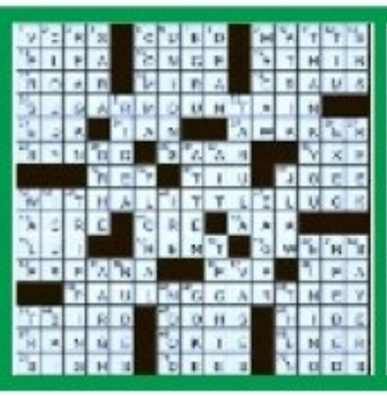

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